GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL EXPLORATION BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of digging/exploration undertaken by ONGC during last three years;

(b) the number of wells in which oil found;

(c) the number of wells allotted to Private biddrs; and

(e) the number of wells dig by private explorers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b):- Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has drilled 419 exploratory wells during the last three years, out of which 151 wells were oil bearing.

(c):- A total of 47 exploration blocks, including blocks under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), and 27 discovered fields have been contracted to Private Companies/Joint Venture(JV) consortia.

(d):-In the above blocks/fields, Private Companies/ JV consortia have drilled 35 exploratory wells till March 2001.